

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chairman John Brueggeman, on March 10, 2009 at
3:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Brueggeman, Chairman (R)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Libby Goodwin, Committee Secretary
Tammy McGill, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 304, 3/3/2009; HB 311, 3/3/2009

Executive Action: HB 311, HB 304

HEARING ON HB 311

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:28 Rep. Mark Blasdel (R), HD 10, opened the hearing on HB 311, Name portion of Highway 2 in honor of Evan Schneider.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:05 Steve Bullock, Attorney General
00:03:31 Jim Lynch, Department of Transportation (DOT)
00:05:57 Col. Mike Tooley, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)
00:07:50 Mark Taylor, Association of Montana Troopers
00:08:43 Rebecca Sturdevant, self
00:10:48 Carrie Schneider, self

EXHIBIT(his53a01)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:14:35 None

Informational Testimony:

00:14:38 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:42 Sen. Zinke
00:15:03 Mr. Lynch, DOT
00:16:07 Sen. Zinke
00:16:18 Mr. Lynch, DOT

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:16 Rep. Blasdel

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 311

00:18:39 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Brueggeman moved that **HB 311 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Windy Boy and Sen. Laible voted by proxy.

00:19:02 Sen. Zinke
00:19:35 Mr. Lynch, DOT

HEARING ON HB 304

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:20:11 Rep. Jon Sonju (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 304,
Name portion of US Highway 2 after Highway Patrol
officer David Graham.

[EXHIBIT\(his53a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:00 Steve Bullock, Attorney General
00:24:25 Mr. Lynch, DOT
00:24:44 Col. Tooley, MHP
00:26:39 Victor Nelson, self
00:28:41 Genny Graham, self; and on behalf of Maren and Larry
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[EXHIBIT\(his53a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(his53a04\)](#)

00:34:15 Rep. Blasdel, on behalf of David L. Graham; and on
behalf of a private citizen

[EXHIBIT\(his53a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(his53a06\)](#)

00:36:45 Mr. Taylor, Association of Montana Troopers

Opponents' Testimony:

00:37:40 None

Informational Testimony:

00:37:43 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:45 None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:37:50 Rep. Sonju

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 304

00:38:16 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved that **HB 304 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:38:21 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keane moved that **HB 304 BE AMENDED** (Exhibit 2). Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Laible, Sen. Wanzenried, and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:38:51 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keane moved that **HB 304 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Laible, Sen. Wanzenried, and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:42 P.M.

Libby Goodwin, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([his53aad.pdf](#))